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Sir:

This IDS is filed concurrent with a Request for Continued Examination, in lieu of payment of the Issue Fee which is due September 16, 2004. Pursuant to the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, enclosed is an Information Disclosure Citation Form (PTO-1449) which lists the references cited in an attached Notice of Rejection. The Notice of Rejection (translation included) was issued by the JPO in connection with Applicants' counterpart Japanese application 2000-372099. A copy of each cited disclosure also is enclosed.

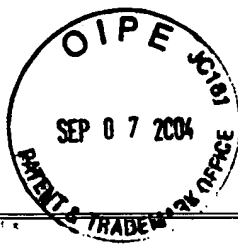
It is respectfully requested that each cited document be considered by the Examiner of the subject application, be made officially of record therein and be listed on the face of any patent which may issue from this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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